

Congress Given Voice In Preliminary Plans For Postwar Security

Congress found itself in a position today to exercise an early and possibly decisive voice about American participation in a projected world security organization.

Four legislators were designated by President Roosevelt as members of a delegation of eight to attend the San Francisco United Nations conference opening April 25.

They are: Chairman Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Senator Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, a member of the committee; Chairman Bloom of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Representative Eaton, Republican of New Jersey, a member of the committee.

Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, former Republican Governor of Minnesota, and Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of Barnard College, were picked by the President as the other members of the delegation to be headed by Secretary of State Stettinius.

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Legislators immediately interpreted the choice of Comdr. Stassen as a possible candidate for the GOP presidential nomination in 1948, as presidential recognition of the so-called "One World" wing of the Republican party that was represented primarily by the late Wendell L. Willkie, and something of a rebuff to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, titular head of the GOP.

Comdr. Stassen entered the Navy shortly after outbreak of the war. The four legislators chosen worked closely with Mr. Hull on preliminary plans for international peace cooperation. Mr. Hull, named a senior adviser as well as a member of the United States delegation, generally is expected to become the presiding officer of the United Nations conference.

The congressional members of the delegation apparently have in their combined power to veto at the outset any arrangements they believe might stall Senate approval of a forthcoming treaty setting up a world league to keep down future aggression. There is every reason to believe that the President had this thought in mind when he chose them.

Senator Connally told reporters he felt that his and Senator Vandenberg's designation as members indicated a desire on the part of the President to "have the utmost cooperation between the Senate and the executive."

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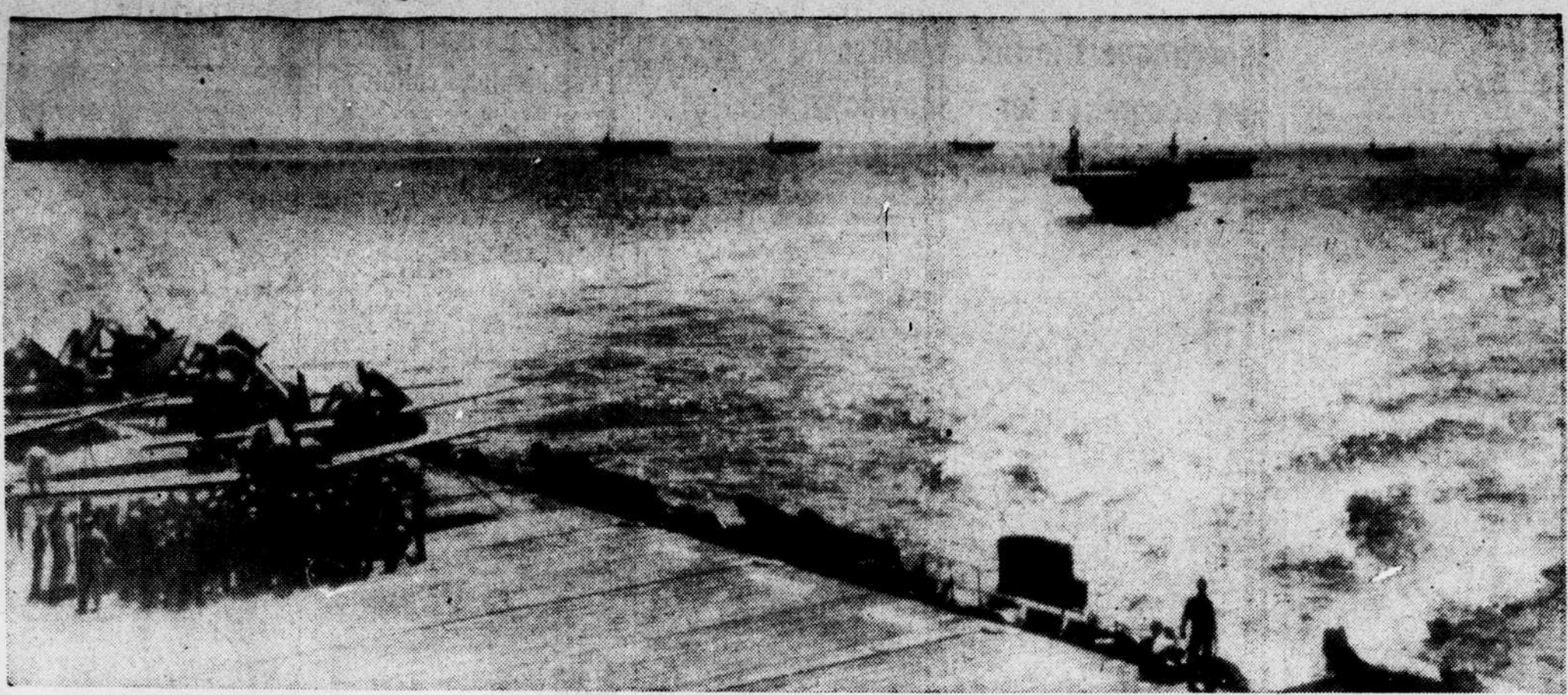
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NAVY ESCORT CARRIERS TAKE STATION "SOMEWHERE IN PACIFIC"—Nine American escort carriers, with a portion of their destroyer escort screen,

break formation and maneuver in the process of taking station "somewhere in the Pacific." This photograph was made from a 10th carrier in the group. —AP Wirephoto from Navy.

Army May Bring More Nazis to U. S. to Work

The War Department may bring more German prisoners from France to this country to help alleviate the manpower shortage.

This was revealed last night by Maj. Gen. Archer L. Lerch, Army provost marshal, who also told reporters that during 1944 prisoners of war had performed work worth \$102,000,000. Of this, labor valued at \$22,000,000 was done for private contractors who paid the Treasury, and the remainder on Army and Navy installations.

Need of the Army for German prison labor in France on reconstruction projects will determine whether more of the prisoners are brought here, Gen. Lerch said. At present, he revealed, there are 305,742 German, 50,587 Italian and 2,820 Japanese prisoners of war in the United States.

Private contractors pay the Treasury prevailing wages for prisoner of war labor. Of this amount, the prisoners themselves receive 80 cents per day. Total man-days worked by prisoners last year was 29,750,992.

Gen. Lerch revealed that there had been 1,301 escapes from prison camps in the United States, but that as of February 9 there were only 14 prisoners still at large.

During yesterday's session the committee heard W. R. Ogg of the American Farm Bureau Federation defend what he called the "work-or-fight" principle of the House bill, while spokesmen for the National Grange and the National Farmers Union opposed it.

Fred Brandeman, representing the Grange, explained that his organization has not had an opportunity to pass on the pending legislative national service bill, but pointed out the policy of the Grange has been to favor the voluntary system of meeting labor requirements.

James G. Patton, president of the Farmers' Union, declared the House bill not only is unnecessary, "but positively harmful to the best utilization of all available manpower and to the most effective prosecution of the war."

The spokesmen for the Grange and the Farmers' Union, however, both urged strengthening of the present labor recruiting program of the War Manpower Commission.

The Military Affairs Committee is sharply divided as between the compulsory House bill and the proposed substitute, and it probably will take several days after the hearings close tomorrow to reach agreement on a revised measure.

The House bill would empower local draft boards to direct men between 18 and 45, who are not qualified for military service, to apply for employment in war industries in their communities.

The proposed Senate substitute would apply to men and women without regard to age, but would seek to channel workers into essential jobs by limiting the number of workers in nonessential plants.

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Surplus

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Investigators, who aided in the inquiry, to do so.

Replying to last week's questions regarding company letters quoting Bernard M. Baruch, presidential adviser, and Herbert Bayard Swope as authorizing use of their names in letters to the Government, Goldberg declared:

"I might point out that none of these was signed or authorized by me. It is appropriate to say, however, if they were in fact signed by some other official of the company, that I regret the use of their names."

Commenting on an apparent \$5,000 discrepancy between gross proceeds of \$168,000 from Maspeth, N. Y., and Burlington, N. J., auction sales and bank deposits totaling \$163,000, Goldberg asserted:

"There is no such shortage, as an audit of our books and records, which are and have been in the possession of this committee, will fully demonstrate."

At one point Goldberg told the committee that "for 30 days all you have been trying to do is tear my character down."

"My friends know me for an honest man," he continued. "As for my enemies I don't care."

Goldberg began by reading letters from members of various firms who, he said, had attended his auctions. He said the first letter was signed by O. S. Johnson and addressed to Chairman Mead.

"How did you get that letter if it was addressed to Senator Mead?" a committee member asked.

Reading from the letter the witness quoted Mr. Johnson as saying he (Goldberg) had conducted "a clean, open sale."

He then read another letter from an A. A. Johnson which said "large buyers want to discredit Mr. Goldberg" with no reason to do so.

Mr. Halley asked Goldberg if he

Manpower

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under their jurisdiction as members of the armed forces.

Provides Transportation Funds. 5. Authority to pay for the transportation of workers who move to an essential job elsewhere, including transportation for their dependents and household effects, and their return after the emergency.

6. Preserve the re-employment rights of such workers in their old jobs for 30 days after they are no longer needed in war work.

7. Creation of a national and a series of state or local labor-management committees to coordinate those already functioning—to consider appeals and to help pass on questions of basic policy.

As explained yesterday by Senator Kilgore, all of the compulsion in this substitute plan is directed at the employer to stay within his labor ceiling, and to comply with regulations governing hiring of new workers.

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"Did you show Mr. Gerth an envelope, explaining that it contained \$25,000 for him?"

"I deny it," the witness said, headily. "My life is a clean book. I say that it is a wholly untruth."

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